

BUS PROCUREMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Of the 48 agencies contacted, 37 or 77% of the agencies responded.

Of the 37 agencies that responded, 25 or 67.5% of those agencies responded "YES", they have active procurements.

12 agencies responded with "NO" active procurements, but 11 out of 12 are planning to procure buses in the future.

Of the 25 agencies that have active procurements:

3 of the 25 or 12% of the procuring agencies have a multi-purchase and are purchasing from two different manufacturers (Gillig & Orion, or NABI & New Flyer)

5 of the 25 or 20% are purchasing Gillig transit buses (various configurations).

5 of the 25 or 20% are purchasing New Flyer transit buses (various configurations).

2 of the 25 or 8% are purchasing Orion transit buses (various configurations).

1 of the 25 or 4% is purchasing Nova 40' suburban transit coach buses.

4 of the 25 or 16% are purchasing NABI transit buses (various configurations).

1 of the 25 or 4% are purchasing 40' and 60' electric overhead transit vehicles from ETI

2 of the 25 or 8% are purchasing 22' electric shuttle/trolley buses from Ebus, Inc.

1 of the 25 or 4% is purchasing MCI over the road coaches.

1 of the 25 or 4% has not selected a vendor yet.

The total number of transit vehicles being purchased by the 25 agencies is 1,964.

The total number of 40' low/high floor transit buses is 1,805 or 91.9% (mostly low floor).

The total number of 60' articulated buses is 106 or 5.39%.

The total number of 22' electric shuttles/trolleys is 13 or .66% or less than 1%.

The total number of 30-35' transit vehicles is 40 or 2.03%.

Out of the 1,964 vehicles being purchased, 273 or 13.9% (40' & 60') are electric overhead transit vehicles.

A couple of the transit agencies provided additional comments to the bus procurement survey. Their comments were very positive, encouraging and supportive. They expressed that assisting the transit agencies by sharing information or establishing a purchasing consortium was a great idea and encouraged Caltrans to pursue this activity. "This activity would be a boon to most transit agencies and bus manufacturers as well. The lead time for most deliveries is way too long, and anything that can be done by working together may shorten that lead time and bring economies of scale none of us could achieve acting alone." Another comment received on a survey: "Great idea! I asked Caltrans to do this over twenty years ago."